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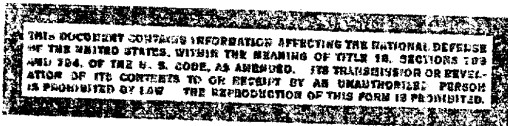
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1. The Telecommunications Office for Transmissions (Fernmeldeamt fuer Uebertragungswesen) (FUW), located at Heiligegeiststrasse 33 in Berlin C 2, is an office under the authority of Referat for Telecommunications of the Oberpostdirektion (OPD) Berlin. The OPD Referat is under the direction of the following persons, who at the same time constitute the direct supervisory authority of the FUW: Jurczyk (fnu), Referent; Dr. Goetzke (fnu), electroacoustic and weather service section; and Kuehler (fnu), organizational section. Since 1950 the FUW has changed its official name several times. Originally called The Main Radio Directorate (Hauptleitung Rundfunk) of the OPD, it later changed its name to The Berlin Radio Office (Funkamt Berlin). It assumed its present name on 1 January 1953.
2. Walter Gebauer, (SED) is the head (Amtsvorsteher) of the FUW. His secretariat includes Mrs. Bindseil (fnu) as office head and two typists. The non-technical departments and groups of the FUW are as follows:
 - a. Finance Department, headed by Krueger (fnu), with a staff of six persons;
 - b. Cadre Personnel and Labor Department, headed by Pannenberg (fnu) (SED), with Miss Roemer (fnu) (SED), as his deputy;
 - c. Procurement Department, also called Stelle B, headed by Wernicke (fnu);
 - d. Supply and Depot Department, headed by Lange (fnu);
 - e. Social Department, headed by Elli Radatz;
 - f. SED group of about twenty members, headed by Koeppen (fnu);
 - g. FDJ group, headed by Karl Heinz Lange, supervising 14 organization leaders;
 - h. BCL (trade union directorate), headed by Werner Mueller, living in West Berlin;

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- i. German-Soviet Friendship group (DSF), with about 45 members, headed by Hans Daenecke (SED).

The Technical Department of the FUV is headed by Paul Ramin. It is subdivided into the following sub-departments (Stellen), all under Ramin's technical supervision:

- a. Ueb (Mobile transmission installations) (Bewegliche Uebertragungsanlagen) Gustav Plischka (SED), chief; Hans Daenecke (SED), deputy; Kurt Eisenack (SED), deputy.

In addition, there are about ten technicians and fifty workers in construction gangs and in the supply store.

- b. Uef (Stationary Transmission Installations) (Feste Uebertragungsanlagen): Bieber (fnu) (SED), chief, living in West Berlin, and 18 technicians.
- c. RFS (Radio Transmitters and correction of Line Distortion) (Rundfunkt-sender und Leitungsentzerrung): Scharfe (fnu) (SED), chief; Hess (fnu), deputy.
- d. FS (Television) (Fernsehen): Scharfe (fnu) (same as above), chief; Babin (fnu), deputy.
- e. DF (Wire Broadcasting) (Drahtfunk): Linne (fnu), chief.
- f. DF Antsbau (Office Construction); Meuthen (fnu), chief;
- g. EB (Subscriber Construction Team) (Teilnehmer Bauptrupp): Koppehl (fnu), (SED), chief.
- h. ME (Measurement and Disturbance Elimination Service) (~~Mess-~~ und Entstoeerstelle): Gueffroy (fnu), chief.
- i. RPE (Radio Disturbance Elimination Service) (Rundfunkentstoerung): Boitin (fnu), chief.
- j. SEGS (Transmission and Reception Approvals, Fees, and Statistics) (Sende und Empfangsgenehmigungen, Gebuehren, Statistik): Dorow (fnu); no other personnel.
- k. DF Auftrags- und Linienstelle (Order and Line Office): Fraeulein Schulz (fnu), (SED), chief.
- l. Wh (Radio and Amplifier Shop) (Rundfunk und Verstaerkerwerkstatt): Schuetze (fnu), chief.

3. The following are the functions of some of the services mentioned above:

- a. Ueb is charged with the acoustic transmission of all political, cultural, and economic rallies, etc. within Berlin if there are no stationary transmission sets at the site of the rally. It is furthermore charged with the installation of interpreter transmission sets at international conferences in Berlin and in East Germany. The services of Ueb are sometimes required for the performance of confidential tasks, such as acoustic tape recordings for the archive of the Central Committee of the SED, a task usually entrusted to personnel of the State Radio Committee and assigned to Ueb when personnel of the latter service is not readily available. Ueb personnel have in the past been called on to establish transmission and interpreter installations on the occasion of mass meetings in satellite countries, as for example in

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Bucharest and Prague in 1952, and in Bucharest again in 1953. Ueb is now preparing to send personnel to Peking, China, in February 1954 for the establishment of a ten-language interpreter installation needed there for what was termed by leading FVE personnel a "conference of the peoples of the East-Asia continent", alleged to be planned for early 1954.

- b. Ueb is in technical charge of the propaganda transmissions at mobile points (for instance at reconstruction sites and of the transmissions of stationary installations in seven post offices in Berlin.
- c. Technical maintenance of the decimeter relay station at the Kuegelturn in the Berlin area 1/ is one of the duties of RPS. This service also is responsible for the technical maintenance of the Berlin television transmitter on the old Berlin city hall. On the occasion of important radio transmissions, RPS is in technical charge of the wire line from the place of the event to be broadcasted to the transmitter house.
- e. DF is responsible for the technical supervision of radio transmissions over the telephone net. DF Office Construction (f) supervises the installations for wireless communications in Berlin radio and telecommunications offices.
- k. DF Order and Line Office keeps files on all Berlin telephone and postal lines.

1/ Comment. This station has previously been reported as a relay station for the two decimeter lines going from Berlin to Dresden and Leipzig.

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